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FOLLOWING HREPEAT THE HAGUE 6631 ACTION SECSTATE, BERN,
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SUBJ: EUROPEAN COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 29-30 1976 DISCUSSIONS ON
CIEC

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 11607 (NOTAL)

B. THE HAGUE 6606 (NOTAL)

1. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT NOVEMBER 30
ON SPECIFIC POSITIONS THE EC MIGHT TAKE OR CONCESSIONS THE EC
MIGHT OFFER IN AN EFFORT TO BRING THE CIEC DIALOGUE TO
A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. AT HIS POST-SESSION PRESS CON
FERENCE, DUTCH PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL (THE COUNCIL PRES-
IDENT) SAID THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS INDECISION WAS
UNCERTAINTY OVER THE US POSITION TOWARD THE DIALOGUE. HE SAID
THAT THE EC DID NOT ENDORSE POSTPONEMENT OF THE DECEMBER 15

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MINISTERIAL AND THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WOULD NOT ISSUE

A STATEMENT ON THE REPORTED US REQUEST THAT THE MINISTERIAL BE DELAYED. HE SAID THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ON CIEC (SEE TEXT BELOW) REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT EC COMMITMENT TO MAKE AS POSITIVE A CONTRIBUTION AS POSSIBLE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE DIALOGUE.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ON CIEC ISSUED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 30;
BEGIN TEXT: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH IT ATTACHES TO THE WHOLE RANGE OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND THEREFORE TO THE CIEC.

IN ITS VIEW, THE NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE SCOPE OF THE MATTERS WITH WHICH IT IS CONCERNED BESTOW UPON IT A PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE WHICH JUSTIFIES THE PURSUIT OF THE EFFORTS ALREADY MADE.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT FURTHER PROGRESS MUST BE MADE BY ALL CONCERNED TO REACH MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSIONS, WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS TO BE MADE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND WOULD ENABLE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE COMMUNITY, FOR ITS PART-CONSCIOUS OF THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF WORLD ECONOMIES AND ANXIOUS TO ENCOURAGE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCTIVE TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION-IS PREPARED TO MAKE AS POSITIVE A CONTRIBUTION AS IT CAN TO THE EXTENT THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN ITS OWN ECONOMY PERMIT.

AT THE END OF ITS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH IT ATTACHES TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND REQUESTED THE COMPETENT BODIES OF THE COMMUNITY TO PROCEED IN THIS LIGHT WITH THEIR WORK ON ALL OF THE MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION.END TEXT.

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